

FY 2000 Governor's Initiatives Status Report

Office of the State Board of Education

Early Childhood Development

The focus of this initiative will be children from birth to four years of age. It will support programs that enhance the healthy development and well being of young children. This funding will implement projects similar to the "Parents As Teachers" concept. Participation in this program will be strictly voluntary for the intended population.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$1,500,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$1,500,000	Federal Funds

Incentive Grants

Small grants would be provided for demonstration projects for children in kindergarten through the twelfth grade. A grant manager would accept applications for projects designed to enhance the educational experience in Idaho's public schools. Grants would be one-time in nature, and would be selected and awarded by the Governor twice each year.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$100,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$100,000	General Fund

Dept. of Health and Welfare

Increased Immunizations

Provide spending authority for increased health education of parents through media exposure so they recognize the value of early immunization and primary health services for their children. This effort may also include increasing the number of hospitals and pediatricians participating in programs to provide early identification of young children who may be in need of immunization or other health/safety services. Participation in this program will be strictly voluntary for the intended population.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$500,000	Federal Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$500,000	Federal Funds

New Vaccine Cost

Chicken Pox vaccine has been added to the complement the state must provide through the federally funded Vaccine for Children Program, which serves only Medicaid children. This funding will provide the free vaccine for all other children.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$727,700	General and Federal Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$727,700	General and Federal Funds

Children's Health Insurance

The Governor is supporting the continuation of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at its current funding level of \$4 million in General Fund plus matching federal funds.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$4 to \$19 million	General and Federal Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$4 to \$19 million	General and Federal Funds

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Increased Children's Dental Care

In February the Governor directed the Dept. of Health and Welfare to ask the Legislature for an increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates for dentists to provide better access for children's dental care. He asked for reimbursement at 75% of Delta Dental rates.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$2,228,300	General and Federal Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$2,228,300	General and Federal Funds

Public Health Districts

Immunizations

Hire a computer consultant to analyze the current status of immunizations records automation in the seven Districts and the Division of Health in the Department of Health and Welfare. The consultant can then recommend the necessary hardware, software and programming for the linking of a centralized immunization registry. SB 1183 placed the registry in the Dept. of Health and Welfare but provided no new money.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$98,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$0	

Department of Law Enforcement

Methamphetamine Program - Police Services

The Governor recommends funding for a methamphetamine program designed and charged with the responsibility to reduce the manufacture and use of methamphetamine in Idaho.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$697,600	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$697,600	General Fund

Methamphetamine Program – POST

The Governor recommends spending authority for the Peace Officers Training Academy to provide intensified training in the detection and elimination of methamphetamine in Idaho.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$50,000	Dedicated Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$50,000	Dedicated Funds

Methamphetamine Program – POST

The Governor recommends spending authority to establish a Regional Narcotics Training team with methamphetamine emphasis.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$61,000	Dedicated Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$61,000	Dedicated Funds

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Public School Support

Literacy

The Governor recommends that \$5.5 million of state support (General Funds) be reallocated from the discretionary funds provided school districts for literacy programs. The amount provided by the Legislature will fully fund the revised Literacy/Reading program model (demonstration school concept has been removed). Included in the \$4,416,000 amount is \$500,000 which was appropriated to the Colleges of Education for enhanced teacher training.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$5,500,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$4,416,000	General Fund

Technology

The Governor recommends continuation of the ongoing \$3.4 million in the base for technology improvements. He also recommends an additional \$7.0 million of one-time funds subject to the following conditions: \$4.0 million may be expended for technology projects consistent with those funded from the \$3.4 million ongoing monies. The remaining \$3.0 million of one-time funds are not to be distributed until a qualitative evaluation of the previous public school technology effort is completed. JFAC intent language includes \$30-40,000 of these funds for Governor's "validation" study regarding past technology investments and accrued benefits.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$7,100,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$7,000,000	General Fund

Innovative Teacher Grants

This funding will be used to expand the existing program to encourage teachers to develop creative approaches to instruction. Grants which generally focus on improving reading at grade level and math skills, and which can be replicated are emphasized. It will increase base funding from \$250,000 to \$600,000.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$350,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$175,000	General Fund

School Facilities Study

The Governor recommends money to update the 1993 public schools facilities study. The focus should be primarily on data analysis, not collection. The State Board of Education is charged with administration of this study process, which will necessarily include the Department of Education, Division of Building Safety and local school districts. Funding is one-time

Governor's Recommendation:	\$200,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$200,000	General Fund

Teacher Incentive Award

The Governor recommends providing a monetary award to teachers whom receive certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The state will award \$1,000 to each teacher and \$1,000 to the school where that teacher is employed. The Legislature revised the program to include currently certified teachers (17) and provide \$2,000 per year for five years.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$182,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$51,000	General Fund

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Limited English Proficiency

This will expand the Limited English Proficiency initiative statewide to serve approximately 2,000 additional students (15,000 will be served in the 1997-98 school year). These amounts are in addition to the base funding of \$3.0 million.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$1,000,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$750,000	General Fund

Substance Abuse

Additional one-time funds will accrue in interest earnings from the cigarette tax fund. Base funding is \$4.5 million from cigarette taxes and \$500,000 from the tax on lottery winnings. The Governor expects that school districts will emphasize prevention efforts related to the methamphetamine problem in Idaho.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$175,000	Dedicated Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$175,000	Dedicated Funds

College and Universities

College/University Excellence

The Governor recommends implementation of a program to enhance the quality of four-year post-secondary education institutions. Institutions must attract and retain faculty in highly competitive areas and these funds are to recognize that need. Individual faculty and staff would be rewarded for increased productivity, innovation and overall quality of performance in the most critical areas of the institution's programs. These funds are to be distributed to the institutions as competitive grants and each institution will be expected to provide a minimum-matching amount of \$1 from internal resources for each \$1 appropriated for this purpose.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$1,500,000	General Fund (one-time)
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$1,300,000	General Fund (ongoing)

Special Programs

Student Financial Aid

The State Board of Education attempts to increase student financial aid in the scholarships, loans and work-study grants it administers by the amount of annual fee increases. The amount recommended is the Board's request (\$120,300) plus an additional amount which will bring the overall increase to approximately 10%, slightly higher than the fee increase for 1998-1999. Base funding is \$2,188,000 in General Funds.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$250,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$250,000	General Fund

Military Division

Education Encouragement

Provide resources for education assistance to Guard members pursuing higher education degrees. Retention in the Guard is down and this program would be a critical element in retention efforts. There are currently 315 Guard members who are full-time students and 135 members who are part-time students.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$200,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$200,000	General Fund

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Division of Environmental Quality

TMDL Development

The Governor is addressing Idaho's obligations under the court mandated schedule for producing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) by the year 2005 by recommending two additional senior water quality analysts. They will work with existing staff to develop the necessary implementation plans to carry out the needed actions to meet the state's water quality standards.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$122,000	Dedicated Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$122,000	Dedicated Funds

Bull Trout Plan

The Governor's Bull Trout plan requires DEQ to develop problem assessments for bull trout for the key watersheds in Idaho and to facilitate the development of management plans by local watershed advisory groups. The recommendation provides two senior water quality analysts to work in this area.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$122,000	Dedicated Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$122,000	Dedicated Funds

Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension

Noxious Weeds

The Governor recommends a challenge in the form of 50% funding for the weeds and water quality initiatives requested. The University of Idaho is expected to provide the remaining amount from internally or externally generated funds. Agricultural Research will be expected to take a lead position in the noxious weed area. This includes creating a statewide plan and coordinating interagency research and mitigation efforts. The legislative appropriation did not include the "challenge/matching" component.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$200,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$200,000	General Fund

Department of Correction

1250 Bed State Prison

The Governor recommends that the private prison not be opened until the Governor and Legislature have reviewed the inmate population status and have determined an appropriate policy for a scheduled opening.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$0
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$0

Department of Administration

Technology Training

The Governor is committed to providing management and professional Information Technology (IT) training to agency IT personnel. The Governor's IT training task force and Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC) have developed curriculum consistent with the strategic direction identified by ITRMC's statewide IT plan. These funds will be used to match agency funds: ITRMC 35% - Agency 65%.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$250,000	Other Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$250,000	Other Funds

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Department of Commerce

Economic Development

The Governor's recommendation includes FY 1999 supplemental funding to secure the Space Port project and also an economic development outreach program. The Space Port project will provide a position funded from the Governor's INEEL settlement fund that will aggressively pursue the selection of Idaho as the location of this highly technical project. General Fund monies are provided for establishing an economic development outreach program so that marketing and promotion of Idaho's interests can be enhanced.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$122,300	General and Other Funds
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$122,300	General and Other Funds

Overseas Market Expansion

Provide funds to assist Idaho companies, especially small to medium sized ones, gain increased access to and exposure in international markets. The objective of this funding is to assist Idaho companies with international support for regional marketing efforts through acquiring representation (either project specific or part-time) in Europe, South America, Asia or through other forms of market entry assistance.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$50,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$50,000	General Fund

State Historical Society

Millennium Project

This effort is a one-time initiative to address urgent needs in cataloging and archiving items in the possession of the Historical Society that are presently deteriorating. Photos, textiles, paper records and other items are not presently catalogued or made available to the public due to a tremendous backlog of work.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$133,400	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$130,000	General Fund

Commission on the Arts

Rural Arts Education

This will continue to provide rural communities, particularly school children, with high-quality cultural programs. Many students would not be able to experience live theater, dance and music performances without the Commission on the Arts involvement. School districts provide matching funds to hire the artists.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$30,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$30,000	General Fund

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Department of Parks and Recreation

Ponderosa Park Property

The Governor recommends the immediate acquisition, and related exchanges, that are necessary in order to preserve and enhance Ponderosa State Park. The acquisition phase should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity to minimize inflation costs of the properties over time. Also, the amount provided in the current budget base (\$1,000,000) may be reduced since a financing proposal will accommodate a smaller annual outlay while simultaneously securing this valuable addition to one of Idaho's premier parks. The Legislature did not reduce funding.

Governor's Recommendation:	-\$500,000	General Fund
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$0	

General Government

Marriage Penalty Elimination

The Governor recommends a phase-in to eliminate the marriage penalty in the state income tax. The standard deduction for joint returns is increased by \$150 effective January 1, 1999. The Governor also recommends the establishment of a childhood development fund for people to donate their increased deduction to. The Legislature approved the increased standard deduction did not create the new fund.

Governor's Recommendation:	\$1,268,300	General Fund revenue loss
Legislature's Appropriation:	\$1,268,300	General Fund revenue loss

Tobacco Settlement Funds

The Governor recommends that all funds received from the tobacco settlement through June 30, 2000 be deposited in the Budget Stabilization Fund. The combined FY 1999 and FY 2000 payments (estimated at \$32.0 million) will raise the Budget Stabilization Fund balance to 4.1% of the Governor's FY 2000 General Fund Budget. The Legislature concurred through passage of SB 1002.

<i>Fully Funded</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Partially Funded</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Increased Funding</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Not Funded</i>	<i>1</i>